

Environmental impacts of different electricity production scenarios in France in 2060

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The future electricity consumption



Résidentiel

National Low Carbon Strategy: less energy but more electricity

Hydrogène ($0 \rightarrow 50$ TWh) : produit par électrolyse, pour les besoins industriels et le transport lourd

Energie et pertes (50 \rightarrow 60 TWh) : légère croissance des pertes qui suit la demande d'électricité

Industrie (115 \rightarrow 180 TWh) :

croissance de la production (valeur ajoutée +40% d'ici 2050) et électrification importante des procédés

Transports (15 \rightarrow 100 TWh) :

fin des ventes des véhicules thermiques en 2040 : en 2050, 94% des véhicules légers et 21% de camions sont électriques

Tertiaire (130 \rightarrow 110 TWh) :

croissance de la consommation des data centers (~x3), plus que compensée par l'amélioration de l'efficacité énergétique dans d'autres usages

Résidentiel (160 \rightarrow 135 TWh) :

2050

Tertiaire Transports Industrie

📕 Agriculture 📕 Branche égergie 📕 Électrolyse

le développement du chauffage électrique (70% en 2050 comparé à 40% aujourd'hui) est compensé par l'effet baissier des rénovations et l'amélioration de l'efficacité des équipements



RTE scenarios : "Futurs énergétiques 2050" (2021)



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How to produce electricity?

6 scenarios by RTE for 2060, in %

RTE scenarios : "Futurs énergétiques 2050" (2021)

French electricity mix in 2060 in TWh



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For the same consumption, production must be higher without nuclear power 4

RTE scenarios : "Futurs énergétiques 2050" (2021)

French electricity installed power in 2060 in GW

GW



What about environmental impacts?

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

- Simparo software, Ecoinvent data base 2021
- Methods : "CML-IA baseline", "allocation point of substitution" method
- 11 impact categories : abiotic depletion for minerals and fossil fuels, global warming, ozone layer depletion, human toxicity, aquatic ecotoxicity in fresh water and marine, terrestrial ecotoxicity, photochemical oxidation, acidification, eutrophication
- Select means of production in Ecoinvent (Wind turbine, 1-3MW, Photovoltaic roof 3kWp, Photovoltaic open ground, 570kWp, Nuclear, Pressure Water Reactor, France, Hydroelectric, alpine region, France...)
- 2 approaches
 - according to the production in Watt-hours. The software takes into account the known load factor and lifetime of the means of production,
 - according to the installed capacity in Watts. We have to take into account the lifetime of the means of production.

means of	nuclear	wind	photovoltaic	hydropower	bioenergies	marine	hydrogen	batteries
electrical						energies	to power	
production								
Life time (years)	60	25	30	80	30	80	30	20



Comparison according to the amount of energy produced

Environmental impacts of the means of production, 1MWh



The manufacture of a photovoltaïque module requires more materials so its impacts are more important

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Comparison according to the amount of energy produced

Environmental impacts of the RTE scenarios



Comparison according to the installed capacity

Environmental impacts of means of production, 1GW infrastructure



Offshore wind Onshore wind photovoltaic roof photovoltaic ground nucléaire PWR hydrogen to power Hydrolic alpine dam batteries Li-ion

Wind power appears to be poor but less is needed because its load factor is higher

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Comparison according to the installed capacity

Environmental impacts of the RTE scenarios



■ M0 ■ M1 ■ M23 ■ N1 ■ N2 ■ N03

More nuclear power, less environmental impact More photovoltaic, more impact

Conclusion

- The systems that require the most installed power have more impacts
- The scenarios with the highest use of photovoltaics are the worst
- Neglecting the risk of nuclear accidents and nuclear waste management, the scenarios that require nuclear power have less environmental impacts

